



**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application No.: 10/748,174                      Group Art Unit: 3663  
Filing Date: December 31, 2003              Examiner: J. P. Mondt  
Applicant: Lukas TROSMAN et al.  
Title: DISTRIBUTED CLUMPING OF PART-LENGTH RODS FOR A  
REACTOR FUEL BUNDLE  
Attorney Docket: 24GA127099-1 (HDP#8564-000031/US)

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Customer Service Window  
Randolph Building  
401 Dulany Street  
Alexandria, VA 22314  
**Mail Stop Amendment**

**March 27, 2008**

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 9, 2008, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2,  
**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this Amendment.

	Claims remaining after Amendment		Highest number previously paid for		Present extra
<b>Total</b>	8	-	20	=	0
<b>Independent</b>	3	-	3	=	0